

CLAIM STATUS

Claims 1 through 34 are canceled.

35. (Previously presented) A pre-expanded tampon pledget having a density about 0.02 g/cc to about 0.035 g/cc and an absorbency about 9 grams to about 12 grams.

36. (Canceled).

37. (Original) The pre-expanded pledget of claim 35, wherein the tampon pledget comprises a cellulosic fiber.

38. (Original) The pre-expanded tampon pledget of claim 37, wherein said cellulosic fiber is selected from the group consisting of rayon, cotton, pulp, and any combinations thereof.

39. (Original) The pre-expanded tampon pledget of claim 35, wherein said absorbency is achieved without the use of a transfer layer.

40. (Original) The pre-expanded tampon pledget of claim 35, wherein the tampon pledget has a volume about 40 cc to about 60 cc.

41. (Original) The pre-expanded tampon pledget of claim 37, wherein said cellulosic fiber is present in the tampon pledget in an amount about 1.1 grams to about 1.7 grams.

42. (Original) The pre-expanded tampon pledget of claim 35, wherein the tampon pledget has a diameter in an initial condition about 1.25 inches to about 1.75 inches.

43. (Original) The pre-expanded tampon pledget of claim 35, wherein the tampon pledget has a cross-pad construction.

44. (Original) The pre-expanded tampon pledget of claim 35, wherein the tampon pledget has a radial construction.

45. (Original) The pre-expanded tampon pledget of claim 35, wherein the tampon pledget has a flat pad construction.

46. (Original) The pre-expanded tampon pledget of claim 35, further comprising a coverstock about at least a portion of the tampon pledget.

Claims 47 through 70 are canceled.